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SUBJECT: KOREAN AT 31ST UNGA: BELGIAN INITIATVE AT CORE GROUP

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTING IO DIRECTOR (DESELSA) CALLED US IN AUGUST 17 TO PRESENT BELGIAN POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE IN LIGHT OF SUDDEN SUBMISSION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION CONFIDENTIAL

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(REFTEL AND PREVIOUS). DE SELYS SAID BELGIAN PERM REP

INSTRUCTED TO PRESENT PROPOSAL AT AUGUST 17 CORE GROUP MEETING.

2. DE SELYS SAID THAT BELGIUM'S MAJOR CONCERNS ARE:

A. NOT TO PU FORWARD A RESOLUTON WITH LESS CO-SPONSORES THAN HAS HOSTILE RESOLUTION

B. NOT TO LOSE ADVANAGES OF INSCRIBING FRIENDLY ITEM UNDER RULE 14 (WHICH MUST BE DONE BEFORE AUGUST 21ST).

THEREFORE, BELGIUM WILL PRPOSE IN AUGUST 17 CORE GROUP MEETING A "TWO-STEP" APPROACH TO KOREAN ISSUE:

STEP ONE: ASK FOR RULE 14 INSCRIPTION. AT SAME TIME, TWO OR THREE MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP ("PERHAPS US AND ROK") SHOULD PUT FORWARD MEMORANDUM. NUMBER SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO OR THREE COUNTRIES "SO AS NOT TO GIVE ANY IMPORTANCE TO NUMBERS AT THIS STAGE." BELGIUM SHOULD NOT BE AMONG THE TWO OR THREE.

STEP TWO: ONE OR TWOWEEKS LATER, WHEN CORE GROUP DECIDES IT HAS "ENOUGH" COSPONSORES - EQUAL OR MORE THAN HOSTILE RESOLUTION - INTRODUCE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. DE SELYS TOLD US THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIGNON THINKS THAT CORE GRLUP LOBBYING OVER LAST FEW MONTHS HAS PAID OFF AND HE DETECTS "TENDENCY TOWARDS MODERATION" AT NON ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO. DAVIGNON THINKS SOVIETS AND NORTH KOREANS RECOGNIZED THIS MODERATE THREAT AND MOVED WITH THEIR HOSTLE RESOLUTION TO HEAD OFF ANY MOVE IN COLOMBO TO COME FORTH WITH MORE MODERATE RESOLUTION. BELGIAN TWO-STEP STRATEGY IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW A FEW WEEKS TO PREPARE RESOLUTION AND COLLECT COSPONSORS. DURING THAT KEY PERIOD OF TIME, CORE GROUP COULD AMEND DRAFT RESOLUTION TO REFLECT COLOMBO POSITIONS AND PERHAPS INCLUDE MODERATE COLOMBO "IDEAS, PHRASES AND SENTENCES" TO CATCH BROAD SPECTRUM OF CO-SPONSORES.RENNER CONFIDENTIAL

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